

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a fixing device for an expansion valve of a motor vehicle air-conditioning system ~~according to the precharacterizing clause of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following at page 1, line 13:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following at page 1, line 34:

SUMMARY

Please delete the paragraph starting at page 2, line 2.

Please insert the following at page 3, line 37:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following at page 4, line 26:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION